AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 1 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,069 entitled "METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A CLUSTER NETWORK FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE AND HIGH AVAILABILITY USING A FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCH FABRIC," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,120 entitled "MULTI-PROTOCOL NETWORK FOR ENTERPRISE DATA CENTERS," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/286,918 entitled "UNIFIED ENTERPRISE NETWORK SWITCH (UNEX) PRODUCT SPECIFICATION," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/286,922 entitled "QUALITY OF SERVICE EXAMPLE," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,081 entitled "COMMUNICATIONS MODEL," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,075 entitled "UNIFORM ENTERPRISE NETWORK SYSTEM," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,088 entitled "INTERCONNECT FABRIC MODULE," filed August 21, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,287 entitled "INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF INCOMING DATA TRANSMISSIONS," filed August 22, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,158 entitled "USING VIRTUAL IDENTIFIERS TO ROUTE TRANSMITTED DATA THROUGH A NETWORK," filed August 21, 2001, and is related to U.S. Patent Application No. ⎯⎯⎯⎯ 10/062,199 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048019US1); U.S. Patent Application No. ⎯⎯⎯ 10/066,014 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LABEL TABLE CACHING IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (Attorney Docket No. 030048024US); U.S. Patent Application No. ⎯⎯⎯⎯10/039,505 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MULTIFRAME BUFFERING IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (Attorney Docket No. 030048025US); U.S. Patent

Application No. ————————10/046,333 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DOMAIN ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048026US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/039,404 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERSWITCH LOAD BALANCING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048027US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/046,572 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERSWITCH DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048028US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/039,877 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONNECTION PREEMPTION IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048029US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/061,564 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MULTICASTING IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (Attorney Docket No. 030048030US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/046,640 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NETWORK CONFIGURATION DISCOVERY IN A NETWORK MANAGER," (Attorney Docket No. 030048032US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/046,334 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PATH BUILDING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048033US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/039,703 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RESERVED ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048035US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/039,814 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RECONFIGURING A PATH IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048036US1); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/066,217 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PORTS IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (Attorney Docket No. 030048037US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/039,784 entitled "PARALLEL ANALYSIS OF INCOMING DATA TRANSMISSIONS," (Attorney Docket No. 030048038US); U.S. Patent Application No. ————————10/066,159 entitled "INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF INCOMING DATA TRANSMISSIONS," (Attorney Docket No. 030048039US); U.S. Patent Application No.

——————10/062,245 entitled "USING VIRTUAL IDENTIFIERS TO ROUTE TRANSMITTED DATA THROUGH A NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048040US); U.S. Patent Application No. ——————10/044,182 entitled "USING VIRTUAL IDENTIFIERS TO PROCESS RECEIVED DATA ROUTED THROUGH A NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048041US); U.S. Patent Application No. ——————10/044,164 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING SECURITY VIA VIRTUAL ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (Attorney Docket No. 030048042US); and U.S. Patent Application No. ——————10/068,329 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING SECURITY VIA DE-REGISTRATION IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" (Attorney Docket No. 030048043US), which are all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.